

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION****Implementation of Restructuring)
Legislation (Public Utilities Code)
Sections 381, 383.5 and 445)
[AB1890, SB 90]): Renewables)****Docket No. 98-REN-EME
NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
RE: Emerging Renewable
Resources Account Guidelines****NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GUIDELINES FOR
THE EMERGING RENEWABLE RESOURCES ACCOUNT**

The California Energy Commission's Electricity and Natural Gas Committee (Committee) is proposing substantive changes to the *Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Technology Program, Volume 3 – Emerging Renewable Resources Account (Guidebook)*. The Commission will consider adopting the proposed changes as part of its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2001

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Hearing Room A

1516 Ninth Street

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Based on the Overall Guidelines for the Renewable Resource Trust Fund, substantive changes to the *Guidebook* may be made upon the recommendation of the Committee with the approval of the Commission, and shall take effect once adopted at a publicly noticed meeting.

The proposed changes to the *Guidebook* are summarized as follows:

1. Clarifying the definition of “grid-connection” to allow system interconnection on either side of the customer’s electrical meter.
2. Allowing all customers to install a system of up to 10kW in size without having to demonstrate an on-site electrical load of sufficient size. Customers proposing systems larger than 10kW must still demonstrate an on-site electrical load of sufficient size. Such proof may be in the form of utility electric bills verifying either electric consumption (kWh) or electric demand (kW).

3. Offering applicants with a large group of reservations additional time to install systems if applicable.
4. Allowing applicants to verify grid-interconnection by means other than a utility electric bill.
5. Simplifying the Buydown Reservation forms.
6. Maintaining the current rebate levels of \$3/watt or 50% of total cost for small systems and \$2.50/watt or 40% of total cost for medium/large systems.
7. Raising the maximum allowable rebate amount to \$2.5 million per project.
8. Allowing contractors with a "B" general contractor's license to be eligible to install all technologies in conformance with rules and regulations of the State Contractors' Licensing Board.
9. Making other conforming and clarifying changes.

The proposed changes are made to the current version of the *Guidebook*, dated October 6, 1999, with the proposed, new text shown in underline and deleted text shown in strikethrough. The proposed changes to the *Guidebook* are available from the Commission's Web Site at: < www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/documents >. Copies of the proposed changes are attached for those who have expressed a specific interest in the Emerging Renewable Resources Account. If you did not receive an attachment with this notice, you are on the general mailing list for the Renewable Energy Program. You may receive a copy of the attachment by calling Maralyn Blackman or Janet Preis, at (916) 654-4524, and requesting a copy of the proposed changes to the Emerging Renewable Resources Account.

Written Comments

The Committee encourages interested members of the public to review and comment on the proposed changes. Members of the public may submit written or verbal comments at the Business Meeting on March 7, 2001, but they are strongly **encouraged to submit written comments by March 5, 2001.**

Those submitting written comments should provide 12 copies to the Commission's Docket Unit. Those interested in filing comments by e-mail may send them to <docket@energy.state.ca.us> and need only submit one hard copy to the Docket Unit. If you are providing written comments at the Business Meeting, please make an additional 20 copies available at the beginning of the Business Meeting. Written materials filed with the Docket Unit or provided at the Business Meeting become part of the public record.

Please send or deliver written materials to:

California Energy Commission
Re: Docket No. 98-EME-CCS
Docket Unit, MS-4
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5504

Assistance

The Commission's Public Adviser provides assistance regarding participation in Commission activities. Members of the public who would like information on how to participate in this proceeding may contact the Public Adviser's Office by phone at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at <pao@energy.state.ca.us>.

Please contact Robert Sifuentes at (916) 654-5004 at least five days before the meeting if you have a disability and require reasonable accommodation to participate at the Business Meeting.

Members of the public who have technical questions regarding the subject matter of this notice may contact Sanford Miller, manager of the Emerging Renewable Resources Account, by phone at (916) 653-2834 or by e-mail at <smiller@energy.state.ca.us>. News media should direct inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Director, at (916) 654-4989.

Dated: February 23, 2001

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